

Negro Farmer's Meeting.

A Tour in the New South and a Few Days at Tuskegee—Dr. Robinson Tells What He Saw and Heard—A Tribute to Tuskegee

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.—In certain quarters in this country, the conception is general that the Negro Farmers and Worker's Conference held annually at Tuskegee, is only a "spasmodic gathering of the colored farmers, in the near by vicinity, a kind of picnic," which opinion is erroneous from beginning to end. We are justified in saying that nowhere in the United States is held a more important and race inspiring conference than this Negro Farmer's and Worker's Conference, which calls together once a year the "doers," the "educators," the real thinkers of the representative men and women of both races, to devise and execute plans calculated to promote the best interests of the Negro population in this country, and more directly to offer a sure solution of the problem as it affects the masses of our race in the Southland. Mr. Booker T. Washington, the sole promoter and organizer of this project, is pre-eminently the right man in the right place; he is earnest, conscientious and self sacrificing, not given to sentimentality, but a practical, race loving leader, seriously engaged in bringing about a better feeling among the races, so that here, not in some foreign country, the Negro may give evidence of his right to stay and enjoy the rights of citizenship. The Afro-American throughout the United States believes that Mr. Washington is a sound, safe leader, one in whom confidence is not misplaced, but nowhere is the fact demonstrated more thoroughly than in this town and vicinity where Mr. Washington has chosen to reside and raise his "Ebenezer" for God and the race development. At this year's conference a larger number of distinguished visitors from abroad came than at any preceding conference, among whom were noted several Catholic priests together with others whose names follow, to wit:—President I. M. Burgan, Paul Quinn College, Waco, Tex. Mr. M. B. Thrasher, Westmoreland, N. H. Rev. R. H. Boyd, Secretary National Publishing Board, Nashville, Tenn. Rev. P. J. Watson, Beaufort, S. C. Rev. J. Francis Robinson, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mr. W. S. Key, newspaper correspondent, Winthrop, Mass. Mr. M. W. Adams, Dean Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga. President W. H. Foster, Jr., Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss. Cornelia Brown, Mt. Meigs Institute, Mt. Meigs, Ala., President James B. Dudley, A. and M. College, Greensboro, N. C., Rev. O. B. Wilson, President Stillman Institute, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Mr. H. W. Sudd, Wapping, Conn. Dr. I. B. Scott, Editor Southwestern Christian Advocate, New Orleans, La., Mr. Wm. H. Steward, Editor American Baptist, Louisville, Ky., President M. W. Dogan, Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, Rev. C. H. Parrish, President Eckstein Norton University, Cane Springs, Ky. Mr. A. B. Adams, Talladega College, Talladega, Ala. Miss Carrie E. Parkhurst, Talladega College, Talladega, Ala. Miss Clara I. Hurlbert, Talladega College, Talladega, Ala. Miss Florence E. Bedford, Springboro, Ohio. Mr. L. L. Ivey, Macon, Miss. President Joseph A. Booker, Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. Isabel C. Barrows, newspaper correspondent, Washington, D. C. Miss Gertrude Jacobs, newspaper correspondent, Boston,

Mass. Dr. A. B. McClellan, Surgeon Chief, Hospital for Nurses, Charleston, S. C. Mr. S. B. Davis, Editor The Athens Clipper, Athens, Ga. Mr. R. L. Smith, President Farmer's Improvement Society, Oakland, Texas

The first thing in order was President Booker T. Washington's address, a few extracts from which we give here: "We come together to compare notes. Before the war only three could come together without the presence of the white man. Now we can get and accept from the other. We can get encouragement and inspiration. But the Conference will not be much to us except as we can get something we can carry back to our homes." At the conclusion of the address then an old fashioned Methodist experience meeting followed, when the farmers told of their success or failure during the year. One lady, a widow, from Henry County, said she was a cook in a private family for 20 years, by strict economy had saved her earnings; she bought three lots, which grew in value, sold two, and built a six room house on the other, furnished it from bottom to top and move in it. She went into the money loan business, and now holds mortgages on several farm owned by men, on which she is paid 15 per cent. She was applauded. This is only one of the many remarkable stories told at that conference, surpassed only by the Hon. J. C. Leftwich, of Montgomery County, who delivered the closing address of the Conference. Mr. Leftwich is building up a town of his own, called the Klondike, in which he is the only official from sheriff down to postmaster. He has the ambition to own 1500 acres of land.

Before adjournment Hon. R. L. Smith, of Texas, offered the following series of resolutions which was unanimously adopted by Conference:

1. More and more, as a race, we feel that we are to work out our destiny through the slow and often trying processes of natural growth rather than by any easy, sudden, or superficial method; and while we are trying to make our selves worthy citizens we ask the patience and good will and appeal to the sense of justice of our white friends.
2. We desire to re-affirm what we have advised in previous years that, while not overlooking our rights as citizens, it should still be our main concern to use our energy in continuing to secure homes, better schools, a higher degree of skill, and Christian character, and in the practice of industry and economy.
3. We believe that the race is making slow but sure progress, and we are glad to note the growing interest of the best southern white people in our elevation as shown by the various conferences, held by them, for the discussion of the race problem.
4. We would call attention to the fact that our people charged with crime, and in southern prisons, have, as a rule, little or no education, and largely without industry and moral training.
5. We believe that the openings in the South for employing men, especially in the direction of skilled labor, were never greater than now.
6. We urge all to become tax-payers and to promptly pay their taxes, to keep out of the courts, to cease loafing on the streets, and in public places; and to prepare to do well the work which the best interests of the community demand.

Thursday's session was known as worker's day where the following subjects, were taken up and freely discussed by both the white and black delegates among whom there were none more prominent than Prof. Dubois of Atlanta University. viz: What has thirty five years of Freedom done for the Negro? As a property holder. 2. As a scholar. 3. As a man. The remaining day was devoted to the Y. M. C. A., under Mr. Hunton. Faithfully yours,
J. FRANCIS ROBINSON.

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